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SENATOR BROWN: Thank you. There have been some very serious legitimate issues that have been raised about this bill. Certainly the cost, the implications of cost is something that we all have to be worried about, because the last thing that I want to do is to make it...make it such that there are fewer good providers and that kids have less opportunity for those...for that good experience in...in their early childhood care and education. But I also think that the unfortunate truth is that the world has changed a great deal and children don't have the same...it's...the same expectations for what's going to happen to them that there used to be. And it...it hurts every time we have to vote for more money for juvenile justice or more money for any of those programs that...that we could hope we might not have to fund if kids had better experiences when they were young. And this is not going to guarantee that for every child it's going to be a perfect experience, but it certainly is something that...that the reason that I'm doing it is the hope that it will be...that, for some and maybe for all, it can be a better experience, and especially those children who are in out-of-home care. The training, the issues of training that we've talked about, that we will be talking about; are child development, discipline, which is a very important thing; developmentally appropriate practices; and, for providers, training in business practices. And it is really my hope that this bill will help increase the professionalism of the field and increase people's awareness of what we actually do in terms of the regulation of childcare. And so I will go back to what Senator Crosby said the other day and urge you to vote for this bill because I believe that it's the right thing to do for kids. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. The house is under call. All present or accounted for, there's been a request for a roll call...was there a request for a roll call, Senator Brown? Machine vote. Machine vote. The question before the body is, shall LB 400 be advanced to E & R for engrossing? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on advancement of LB 400 to E & R for engrossing. Have you all voted who care to?

SENATOR BROWN: (Microphone malfunction) for a call of the house...I mean for a roll call vote, please.